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SITREP 13

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINC, CASC, SOCI, CO

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF SEARS ROEBUCK EXECUTIVE-DONALD E. COOPER

1. ON AUGUST 29 SEARS OFFICE (FRED LEISERING) WAS CONTACTED BY PHONE BY ALLEGED KIDNAPPERS OF COOPER. CALLER STATED THAT THE FULL RANSOM MUST BE PAID IN DOLLARS AND THAT, WHEN SEARS HAS THE MONEY AND IS PREPARED TO PAY, IT SHOULD ONCE AGAIN PLACE AN AD IN THE NEWSPAPER. LEISERING SAID THAT SEARS WOULD BE READY FOR CONTACT WITH THE KIDNAPPERS AS SOON

AS IT RECEIVED PROOF THAT COOPER WAS IN GOOD CONDITION. THE CALLER AGREED. LEISERING ATTEMPTED TO POINT OUT THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN DOLLARS IN COLOMBIA FOR THE RANSOM AND THAT THE SHEER QUANTITY

OF MONEY MAKES THE DELIVERY PHYSICALLY DIFFICULT, BUT THE CALLER REFUSED

TO DISCUSS THE DIFFICULTIES AND INSISTED THAT SEARS HAD THE MEANS TO MEET THE KIDNAPPERS REQUIREMENTS. WHEN LEISERING PRESSED THE POINT OF PHYSICAL DIFFICULTIES, THE CALLER SAID THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO DISCUSS AND HUNG UP.

2. CALL WAS RECORDED AND TRANSCRIPT PROVIDED GOC AUTHORITIES.

3. SEARS NEGOTIATOR (LINDSAY) DEPARTED FOR U.S. (MIAMI) AUGUST 30 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH HOME OFFICE. EXPECTED TO RETURN

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